

THE WIRE MUST GO

The Fiat of Chief Bigelow Strikes a Popular Chord.

MORRIS MEAD EXPLAINS IT.

The Cable System Advocated as a Means of Safety.

SOME ELECTRICAL INTERVIEWS

The wire question is drawing public attention in a manner calculated to make a change in the present arrangements. A telegraph operator of many years' experience, who carefully watches the developments in electrical science, took an entirely different view of the overhead wire system from that which seems generally to prevail among telegraph and telephone people.

INSULATED COPPER WIRES

The suggestion made by this gentleman was that if it is true, he claims, the danger to the public comes from telegraph and telephone wires not properly insulated, there is a remedy for this. Why should not the telegraph and telephone companies use copper wire properly insulated so that there would be no danger in the first place of the breaking of their wires and the dropping upon the lines of any other companies?

IRON AND STEEL WIRES

"It is a well known fact that the telephone and telegraph people use ordinary iron and steel wire without any covering. It is also well known that this wire exposed to the atmosphere for any length of time is liable to rust. The rust breaks the lines and it drops, and as the telephone people have a large number of lines on house-top crossing streets from one building to another, it necessarily drops a light weight of iron and steel wire is rusty making it saw on a windy day, and this saving of the wire will cut through any insulation known.

FOR AN ARSENAL PARK

The Arsenal Park petition, which is in the hands of Mr. S. Patterson, Editor of Station B, has been very extensively signed within the past few days. The postoffice has been deluged with people eager to sign the petition. The whole district is taking great interest in the matter. Mr. Patterson is a local man who is well known to all the citizens. He is a man of high character and his petition is being signed by all the good men of the city.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING

Some Who Travel, Some Who Do Not, and Others Who Talk. -Fred H. Eggers, of this city, who is treasurer of the State Pharmaceutical Examining Board, will leave in a few days to attend to next meeting of the board. He will be held in Philadelphia. The examination of applicants for the license of pharmacist will be held in Philadelphia. Over 100 applications for examination have been received. The board will meet on Tuesday next. The board will meet on Tuesday next. The board will meet on Tuesday next.

ELECTRIC LIGHT WIRES

"I notice one peculiarity about the statements of the operator which you show me, and that is that he seems to be anxious to avoid the mention of electric light companies in his comments. Now, on account of the changes he mentions in the telephone service a telephone company cannot afford to put in an insulated copper wire, and I certainly think it would be unwise to do so. Another thing which I notice is that the current on a telephone wire is so light that a baby could take the whole load without injury, while, on the other hand, the high tension wires should be, and in fact are, well insulated. From personal inspection I can assure you, as I have on a previous occasion, that Pittsburgh is better protected in this respect than any city in the country.

AGAINST THE STRIKE

A Labor Journal Says the Traction Trouble Was Ill Advised.

TWENTY MORE MEN COMING TO-DAY

Federated Officials to Confer on the Carbon Setters Strike.

L.A.B. NEWS FROM BUSY WORKSHOPS

Twenty more experienced gripmen and conductors will arrive in the city from the West this morning and will be put to work on the Fifth avenue cable cars. Nine gripmen arrived from Kansas City yesterday morning and were put on cars at once. They came off the cars of the Ninth Street Company in Kansas City in which the Widener Elkins syndicate is interested. A number of the men now at work, who belong on the Madison street line in Chicago, will leave for their homes this evening. Most of them have families and are anxious to get back to them. The Pittsburgh company has more than enough men at work, and can spare them very easily. The majority of the single men who arrived in this city on Sunday and Monday will be kept here. Several of them who were here when they wanted a regular car here replied "Yes."

OFFICIAL PROMISES MADE

Chief Engineer Davis told them they could have anything within the gift of the company. One man said he would rather have a car in Pittsburgh at \$25 per day than in Chicago at \$50 per day. The company on account of the difference in the work. The cars in Chicago hold on an average about 60 people and the conductors have to work harder than they do in this city. President Elkins, of the Pittsburgh Traction Company, yesterday received a letter from the conductors and gripmen who are on strike, to the effect that they were perfectly satisfied with their position, and had no intention of leaving the company. The letter was signed by every employe, and indicated the fraternal feeling between the men and their employers. It was written to Colonel Elkins in detail of the statements that the men were dissatisfied with their treatment. They not only said they were perfectly satisfied, but would not afford to do this as they would lose all their trade. The men who are on strike are being disorganized, they would have to start up again and try to secure new customers.

ELIOT TO YOUNGSTOWN

Miss Bertha Straub, of the East End, files with a Young Bookkeeper—Await the Blessing in New York. Another young couple of this city have eloped to Youngstown and are married. The following telegram from that city tells the tale: "A fashionably attired young couple came to the Todd House last Tuesday and registered as E. J. Wood and wife, Camden, N. J. They kept very closely to their room, only leaving it a meal time. This afternoon, they were met by a young man, who spoke in plain language, charging them with eloping. Though the conversation became very personal, no blows were struck. It was learned that the young man was Gus Straub. The couple were his sister, Bertha, and a young man named G. Letkus, both of Pittsburgh, they having eloped. Mr. Straub conducted them to the Court house, secured a marriage license, and then escorted them to the residence of Rev. Dr. Craft, waited until he saw them legally married.

SOME DETAILS ALLEGED

The Yerkis syndicate, which operates the Pittsburgh Traction road, however, was on the lookout for union men, and they had plenty of people working for them who were ready to give away the stores union men. The result was the discharge of a number, and then they ordered "the use" of a rod to do the work. Before he did this, however, the conductor was informed of the plan through the men who had been discharged. They had sent to Chicago for plenty of men to take the place of all who struck. The men were here, quartered in a hotel for nearly two days waiting for the idiotic move. When on Monday the men were called at 2 P. M. about three-fourths of them quit, many through the influence of the men who had been discharged. The men who remained at their cars and running as usual.

THE COOKERS REINSTATED

The trouble at the Buckeye Coke Works of the A. C. Cochran Coke Company, Scotland, has been settled by the reinstatement of the two men who were discharged, and the men returned to work yesterday. A member of the firm stated that while the two men who were the signs of the trouble were reinstated, it was with the understanding that they should no longer act as members of the local committee of the American Flint Glass Workers' Association, and that when they asked for reinstatement in that capacity, they attempted to compel some of the non-union men to join the order or leave the works, and that was the cause of their discharge. It was reported at Knights of Labor headquarters yesterday that the men at Pennsylvania Coke Works had come out. The cause of the trouble is said to be that three of the men were discharged for not working Wednesday, and that when they asked for reinstatement in that capacity, they attempted to compel some of the non-union men to join the order or leave the works, and that was the cause of their discharge. A meeting to investigate the matter was held last evening.

SLIGHT CHANGES MADE

The conference on the Flint Glass Workers' Association, held at the Hotel Hamilton, last evening, was attended by representatives of the American Flint Glass Workers and the Manufacturers' Association was continued yesterday, in the rooms of the latter. A number of slight eliminations and alterations were made in the wage list. Nothing of importance was changed. The conference will be continued to-day.

TEAMSTERS DISCUSS THEIR TROUBLES

L. A. 1571, Knights of Labor, Teamsters, held a meeting last night to discuss the trouble at the Pittsburgh Transfer Company's yard. About 25 men struck yesterday morning in consequence of the discharge of one man. They have another grievance about pay for overtime. The matter will be settled amicably.

THE CALIFORNIA FACTORY STRUCK

The first glasshouse at California, Pa., which had been idle for weeks on account of repairs, started up yesterday. The factory was shut down to build a new cap on the furnace, which fell in.

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Vice President Harris to Attend a Conference with the Carbon Setters.

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